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Torrance Ad in L. A. Newspaper Creates Widespread Interest

ANNEXATION SUIT DELAYED AGAIN

Housing Problem City's Greatest Declares C. of C. President

WILL HEAR CASE ON MAR. 3

Neither Huntington-Redondo
Co. or City Ready
for Trial

ANNULMENT IS ASKED

Plaintiff Claims Portion of
Land Near Beach is
Uninhabited

With neither side fully prepared to go to trial, the hearing in the annexation annulment suit brought against the city of Torrance by the Huntington-Redondo Company was continued this morning until next Thursday at 10 a. m.

The company is contending that a large portion of the 1000 acres it owns in the territory affected is uninhabited. The company's petition for a writ of review was granted by the court and the city ordered to show cause why the election should not be annulled.

Attorney for both parties this morning joined in a request for another continuance of the hearing. Judge Shaw granted the postponement.

Plant Employee Is Suffocated In Glass Co. Sand

David Carr, 29, Dies Saturday
When Smothered in
Pit

Smothered under tons of fine sand in a mixing pit at the Torrance Flat Glass Company's plant Saturday morning, David Carr, 29, died of suffocation.

Carr's father was present when Carr was covered by the falling sand and dug frantically to extricate his son.

When Carr finally was uncovered he was dead. The Torrance Volunteer Fire Department pulmonologist was summoned and worked half an hour in a vain effort to revive him.

Carr was working in the mixing room of the factory when a large volume of sand for deposit in the pit struck. Carr entered the pit in an effort to loosen the sand so it would fall. While he was in the pit the sand fell, covering him completely. His father leaped into the pit and began digging feverishly. In an effort to save Carr workmen manipulated the elevator in the pit, but even this was futile.

It was about 15 minutes before the body was located in the sand. Carr is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lesley H. Carr; a sister, Miss Nellie M. Carr; and a brother, Harold Carr—all residing at Vermont and Ocean avenues.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Green today at Stone and Myers' chapel. The Odd Fellows' ritual was exemplified by Triple City Lodge, of which Mr. Carr was a member.

The body will be accompanied by the father to New Brunswick, Canada, where interment will be made.

EASTERN STAR

Torrance, Compton and Watts chapters, O. E. S., will attend the Gardena chapter Monday evening, Feb. 28, when an official visit will be made by the grand royal matron and grand royal patron and their suites.

Everything in building materials. Consolidated Lumber Co.—Adv.

"A Babe in the Woods"



Famous Juvenile Expert Will Lecture in Torrance March 17

Dr. Miriam Van Waters, Ph.D., referee of the Juvenile Court of Los Angeles, will lecture at the Women's Clubhouse in Torrance Thursday night, March 17, under the auspices of the Women's Club.

Dr. Van Waters' lectures are available through the University of California extension division. She is president of the child guidance clinic. Her lecture here will be on "Youth in Conflict."

Dr. Van Waters has become widely known through her excellent work and through her recently published book entitled "Youth in Conflict." Among the many favorable comments made on this book is the following, quoted from "The New Republic":

"Dr. Miriam Van Waters, referee in Juvenile Court, Los Angeles, has most unusual qualifications to be the interpreter of youth in conflict. Every day her court is thronged with boys and girls who have gone a step too far. With them come parents and teachers, probation officers and social workers. Case after case is heard. But the object is not to determine and punish guilt. It is

to find out why. In this respect Dr. Van Waters' court is a miracle among modern institutions. Working in such a laboratory year in, year out, it is not surprising that an investigator possessed of the richest gifts of insight and expression has succeeded in discovering and recording a very great many illuminating and important truths about youth and its conflict in social relationships. Nor is it strange that, given a rare literary talent, she has made an absorbingly interesting book out of such vividly dramatic material."

Dr. Van Waters' Juvenile Court in Los Angeles is well known throughout the country for the sanity of decisions made there and for the widespread good done by Dr. Van Waters in making of delinquent boys and girls happy and law-abiding citizens.

Dr. Van Waters studies the families of delinquent children as well as the delinquents themselves. For she maintains that every delinquent child whom she has ever met "has had a home that failed to fulfill the standards of a biologically healthy family group."

Merchants Meet Hawthorne Team Here on Sunday

After a layoff of three weeks due to rain and wet grounds the Torrance Merchants baseball team will swing into action again Sunday afternoon, when they are scheduled to meet the Hawthorne nine at the high school grounds. The game will be called at 2:15. Manager Ed Tancy hopes that a good crowd will be on hand to witness the game.

Women's Club Will Hear Film Address

Mrs. A. J. Jacobs, chairman of the motion picture committee of the Los Angeles Federation of Women's Clubs, Wednesday afternoon, March 2.

Mrs. Ruby Powlitzer of Long Beach will give piano numbers.

Pupils of Miss Virginia Watson To Give Recital



—Photo by LaPlante
MISS VIRGINIA WATSON

Pupils of Miss Virginia Watson, teacher of piano, will give a recital Friday evening, Feb. 25, at the Central Evangelical Church at 7:30.

Miss Watson has arranged an exceptionally interesting program. The following pupils will take part: Teresa Emery, Harold Watson, Helen Eby, Pauline Rose Eby, Lucille Robertson, Gertrude Lovell, Marian Hansen, Jean Galpin, Jack Ross, Marguerite Galpin, Genevieve Guyan, Helen Groenink, Walter Johnston, Opal Howard, Hope London, Ruth Kasper, Helen Hannebrink, Dorothy Warren, and Victor Kasper.

Several violin selections will be given by Miss Katherine Potter.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Acree and their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dexter, of Artesia, N. M., visited Mount View Cemetery Sunday.

Melrose was charged with possession of liquor, breaking glass on the street, and intoxication, three youths were arrested in an automobile near the Women's Clubhouse Tuesday at midnight by Officers Edwards and Olsen, who declare that when they approached the car one of the young men hurled a two-quart bottle of liquor to the street.

At police headquarters the lads gave their names as follows: George E. Melrose, 11, of Gardena; Walter Higgins, 19, of Montebello; and Harvey Darnell, 20, of Los Angeles. They are slated to appear before Re-

RESPONSE RUSHES OFFICE

Scores of Builders Inspect
City 'After 'No Flood'
Message

ALL PRAISE ADVANTAGES

Housing Shortage Remedy
Expected as Result of
C. of C. Activity

That Torrance has been "hiding its light under a bushel" is the verdict of scores of builders and subdividers who have swamped the Torrance Chamber of Commerce this week in response to the Torrance "No Flood" advertisement published in the Los Angeles Times of last Friday.

Inquiries by letter and in person have kept the secretary and his assistant on the jump ever since last Friday, and indications this week were that several substantial building firms may become actively interested in remedying the housing shortage that is looming up in Torrance because of the early influx of workers for the Columbia Steel sheet mill and the International Derrick Company's fabricating plant.

"Discover" City

Scores of investigators "discovered" Torrance for the first time as a result of the advertisement which told the world in large letters that there was no flood in Torrance and then related the need for homes for workmen soon coming to associate with Torrance industries.

Most of the persons who came to "look over" Torrance as a result of the advertisement expressed surprise that such a splendidly founded and developed city as Torrance had not being the message of its advantages far and wide.

Said a representative of one of Los Angeles' most substantial building and subdividing concerns: "I had heard of Torrance, but never dreamed that it was such a beautiful city with so many large industries. I have been pleasantly surprised. From what I have learned today it seems to me that you have the most brilliant prospects of any of the smaller cities in Southern California. I haven't seen a city in a long time that looked so good."

Change Their Ideas

Several other investigators said they always had regarded Torrance as an "oil town." They expressed admiration for the plan of the city, its lack of poles in streets, its pavements, its trees, and the large industries upon which Torrance is built.

In addition to publishing the advertisement the chamber early this week mailed to a selected list of industries and building companies facsimiles of the advertisement and brochures setting forth the industrial and residential advantages of this city.

The Los Angeles Times of Sunday published prominently a news story which told of the shortage of houses in Torrance and the fact that the shortage promises to become more acute by summer.

Observations

Will the Beheaded Chinese Recruit an Army in a Holy Cause?—Historical Scandal—Mongers and George Washington—The Real Measure of a Man

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

CHINESE military leaders are not so wise. They cut off people's heads. Which is the shortest route to real revolution. In Shanghai the military defenders discovered an organized movement in favor of the attacking Cantonese. To keep peace within the gates of Shanghai leaders ordered men prominent in the Cantonese-nationalist movement beheaded.

The order was executed. Gruesome heads moved about the city on the tops of pikepoles—recalling bloody days in Paris. Was this summary action successful in quelling the general strike which swept Shanghai as expression of nationalist sentiment? It was not. Before the executions 50,000 persons were on strike. After the beheadings 125,000 quit work.

The best way not to quell revolution is to cut off heads. Particularly in China where the population is so immense. The beheaded become martyrs. Their cause becomes holy. Besides, what are a few heads more or less in China?

AN intelligent person acquainted with China says that none of the many military leaders is motivated by love for China, that all are seeking riches through loot. That seems probable. But the Cantonese more than the others profess love for China, shout the slogan of China for the Chinese. Apparently the strikers in Shanghai believe in the sincerity of the Cantonese. If they are beguiled by the slogan and are following false hopes, the executions by the Shanghai defenders will give birth to a holy cause which may exist now only in pretense.

THIS is written on the birthday anniversary of George Washington. The "father of his country" has come in for volumes of historical debate during the past two years. Comes Rupert Hughes with a book designed to reveal the fact that Washington was more human than great. Come defenders of the first President to prove that Hughes is wrong.

ALL of which amounts to nothing worth while. One-time Lenin, the Russian, was arguing with his constituents over Soviet policies. In the course of the discussion Lenin said "We are seeking to teach our people the truth."

"What is the truth?" questioned an associate. "Both sides of a question," replied Lenin.

AND both sides of the Washington controversy that has rocked historical circles and patriotic societies are somewhat true. Of course Washington was human. He undoubtedly took a drink once in a while. That does not condemn him. He unquestionably had an eye for a comely face and a pretty ankle. But certainly we should not damn him for that. Show me a man who doesn't like feminine charm. It almost seems that the greatest men are the most foolish before the advances of a beautiful woman.

DESPITE the indications that he was a human being, the fact remains that Washington was a statesman of rank and a general of the first magnitude. He had courage, business acumen, loyalty, faith in a great ideal.

WITH Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, not to mention a few more, he stands like a giant of strength during the labor pains of the American republic—you might say during the birth of democratic government, on the face of the earth.

Why jackanapes should seek to drag down his name because with his great attributes he also had human traits is more than any even casual student of American history can understand. Washington was a great man. He was not a perfect man. Even his most ardent admirers must admit that. There are no perfect men. Jesus alone attained perfection.

THE best index to Washington's character lies in the fact that he a patrician and a Tory by birth and rearing, cast his lot with the common people of the colonies, while most men of his financial and social standing either sailed back to England or served the King secretly as Tories on this side of the Atlantic.

Not so Washington. His vision caught the brilliance of the democratic ideal. He was not a poor man. He had property, wealth. Yet he risked it all for the colonies which he loved. Make no mistake about it. Not all, but the majority of the wealthy residents of the colonies sided with Britain because they feared loss of wealth if they lined up with the revolutionists. The wealthy men who stuck to the ideal despite the chance of financial ruin are to be revered for their honesty and their courage. Washington was one of these.

TAKE Franklin. He was no Puritan. Anyone who has delved far into the biography of this patriot-sage will find much that would not pass the censor. But the characteristics of the man which society cannot praise are lost in the brilliance of his mind, the loyalty of his heart, and the courage of his soul.

Most of us are willing to close our eyes to the minor blemishes from grace suffered and possibly enjoyed by our great men of the past, provided they have sent down to us examples of wisdom, courage and honesty. So with Franklin.

WHY should we of today besmirch the character of past patriots who pry into the records of the past, not to seek greatness but to fetch up fifth?

Most every man, great or small, would prefer, if he had his way, that his entire record be unopened after his demise. No record is so spotless that it will bear scrutiny by the world. In this the great differ little from the humble. Personally I prefer to take my heroes straight.

THAT doesn't mean that we should shut our eyes to the fact that the founders of the republic were human. We should not regard them as gods nor teach our children the lie that they were perfect. That they were human beings, but greater in their worthy characteristics than weak in their human desires, seems sufficient. The lesson learned from the life of a man who possessed a few undesirable traits, but was big enough to be great in spite of them, seems potent.

WORK FOR CHAMBER PLANNED

George Proctor Appoints New
Committees; Outlines
New Tasks

DRIVE FOR HOMES IS ON

C. of C. Advertising to Builders
Is Bringing Great
Results

With new committees appointed the Chamber of Commerce board of directors organized for the ensuing year's business Tuesday afternoon.

Committee chairmen were appointed by George Proctor, president, as follows: Public affairs and finance, J. W. Post; business relations, Harry H. Dolley; advertising, publicity and public utilities, W. Harold Kingsley; educational and housing, George W. Neill; industrial and aviation, W. Rufus Page; streets, highways and parks, G. A. Maxwell; legislative, Dr. George P. Shidler; membership and entertainment, Sam Levy; delegates to Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, George Proctor and Rufus Page; Carl Hyde alternate; member regional advisory council, California Development Association, Rufus Page; national councillor, United States Chamber of Commerce, W. Harold Kingsley.

The directors are planning an early meeting to plan the work for the year.

Cites Housing Problem

That the most important problem immediately before Torrance is one of housing new residents is the opinion of George Proctor, president of the Torrance chamber: "At least two additional men will be put to work in Torrance industries by mid-summer," said Mr. Proctor. "With local industries more and more favoring local residents as employees and with so many new employees coming to work here, the task of providing houses for them becomes an important one for the Chamber of Commerce."

To accomplish this the chamber last week published an advertisement in the Los Angeles Times. Response to the appeal in that advertising exceeded our expectations and hopes. This week direct mail information to builders went forward from here and we anticipate that the results of this campaign will do much toward solving the housing problem in Torrance.

Water Question

"In the year ahead Torrance has many problems to consider. Paramount among these is the water question. This must soon be settled for all time. Whether it would be advisable to buy the water company's system without positive assurance of a perpetual supply of water is questionable. Possibly a supply can be guaranteed in Torrance. This question should be studied carefully and a sound recommendation made."

Torrance needs a lighting system. During the coming year steps should be taken to bring city (Continued on Last Page)

BILL THE BARBER SAYS
A noisy wife is a sound investment